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SUBJECT: ~~SECRET~~ READ OUT ON SEPTEMBER 27 CORE FOUR MEETING IN  
SAN JOSE

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO PAZ BARNICA, CORE FOUR CONSUL-  
TATIONS ON CONTADORA STRATEGY IN SAN JOSE SEPTEMBER 27  
WENT WELL. DRAFT CENTRAL AMERICAN/EEC DECLARATION LOOKS  
PRETTY GOOD TO HIM. MEXICO AND COLOMBIA CONTINUE TO PRESS  
FOR IMMEDIATE SIGNING OF ACTA. PAZ AWAITS WORD FROM  
SALVADORANS ON POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN DUARTE AND SUAZO  
ON OCTOBER 3. END SUMMARY.

3. ACCORDING TO PAZ BARNICA, CORE FOUR MEETINGS IN SAN  
JOSE ON CONTADORA STRATEGY WENT WELL WITH GROUP AGREEING  
THAT "NEW PHASE" OF NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BEGIN ON OCTOBER  
15. EACH COUNTRY PLANS TO SUBMIT ITS OWN OBSERVATIONS.  
COSTA RICA WAS STILL HOLDING OUT FOR QUICK NEGOTIATIONS  
IN THE HOPE OF REACHING AGREEMENT BEFORE NICARAGUAN ELEC-  
TIONS BUT WAS NO LONGER INSISTING ON A DEADLINE FOR  
ENDING NEGOTIATIONS. PAZ SAID GUATEMALANS PLANNED TO  
COMMENT ONLY ON POLITICAL PROVISIONS OF THE ACT BECAUSE,  
AS ANDRADE REPORTEDLY SAID AT MEETING, GUATEMALA HAS NO  
INTEREST IN SECURITY PROVISIONS BECAUSE IT RECEIVES NO  
FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND IS NOT THE LOCATION OF  
ANY MILITARY EXERCISES. PAZ POINTED OUT TO ANDRADE THAT  
GUATEMALA NONETHELESS SUFFERED FROM EXTERNALLY SUPPORTED  
SUBVERSION. PAZ PRAISED PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LETTER AS VERY  
HELPFUL TO THE DISCUSSIONS. OVERALL, HE CHARACTERIZED  
CORE FOUR MEETING AS "VERY HEALTHY." HE SAID IT WAS  
QUITE CLEAR THAT OTHER FONMINS HAD NOT FULLY READ THE  
ACTA AND WERE QUITE SURPRISED (ESPECIALLY GUITERREZ) AT  
SOME OF THE PITFALLS POINTED OUT BY GOH EXPERTS.

4. PAZ SAID THAT BASED ON HIS CONTACTS IN SAN JOSE THUS  
FAR IT IS CLEAR THAT COLOMBIANS TAKING IDENTICAL POSITION  
TO MEXICANS. "THEY WANT THE ACTA SIGNED RIGHT NOW."

5. ON EUROPEAN MEETING, PAZ SAID DRAFT STATEMENT WAS  
PRETTY GOOD. CONTADORA HAD TRIED TO INTRODUCE FIVE  
PARAGRAPHS EXPLICITLY REFERRING TO THE ACTA BUT APPARENT-  
LY THIS WAS FENDED OFF BY EUROPEANS THEMSELVES.

6. ON HONDURAS/SALVADOR BORDER, PAZ SAID TENORIO DID

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NOT SEEM TO BE FULLY BRIEFED ON VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ACEVEDO'S MEETINGS IN TEGUCIGALPA AND IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF ACEVEDO COULD CALL TENORIO IN SAN JOSE. PAZ SAID HE AND PRESIDENT SUAZO WERE READY FOR AN OCTOBER 3 MEETING AT LA PAZ PROVIDED GOES AGREEABLE TO PROCEDURE OF DESIGNATING PERSONAL NEGOTIATORS ALONG LINES ACEVEDO DISCUSSED WHILE IN TEGUCIGALPA.

7. FOREGOING INFORMATION BASED ON TELEPHONE CALL FROM PAZ BARNICA TO AMBASSADOR EARLY MORNING SEPTEMBER 28. NEGROPONTE

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